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Re: Standards of Borough incorporation for Prince of Wales  
Model Borough. Much of your information is inaccurate.

### ECONOMIC CAPITY

School Children in Thorne Bay-well over 50% of are government  
Forest Service Kids. These families live in the government  
Forest Service Compound and are exempt from most taxes.

Logging gone - There is no more "full scale logging operation" as  
your report states. Ketchikan Pulp is GONE!!!! There is only  
Native and Mental Health logging and a few small timber sale  
operators. Thorne Bay logging transfer site has been empty  
for two years.

Fishing prices depressed. Thorne Bay is not a fishing community  
There are only 12 people commercial fishing with three full  
time and 9 part time. Fish go to Ketchikan, Petersburg and  
Wrangell. Fish are NOT processed on POW island.

Hatcheries are NOT in all communities as you state There is one  
Hatchery and one salmon release site on the island

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The "small scale mill operations" you refer to are Seasonal  
There is NO fish buyer in Edna Bay  
Fish buying and cold storage in Craig are CLOSED  
The Naukati logging camp has been completely REMOVED  
Much of Thorne Bay lands are owned by Mental Health, U of  
A, Federal and State Lands - NON TAXABLE LAND  
Jobs - Gone are logging and associated jobs like road building,  
construction, restaurant, truck drivers since your 2000  
census figures  
SEARHC - hires NATIVE preference and serves Natives  
Cannery in Klawock and Craig are CLOSED  
Cost of Education - using YOUR figures - Thorne Bay 78 kids x  
\$12,000 = \$936,000. Divided by population 557 = \$1680 per  
person (including the 78 school age non-adults.) Then add  
on the cost to assess and collect this money and then add on  
the cost of borough Government. (Over half these families  
live in a government Forest Service tax exempt compound.  
Of existing organized boroughs only Bristol Bay pays more  
than \$1680.

**POPULATION LARGE AND STABLE ENOUGH TO  
SUPPORT BOROUGH GOVERNMENT**

Population - Thorne Bay has decreased 40 percent since the 2000  
census figures you used  
Population decrease in other island communities due to halting  
of logging and associated jobs  
The logging that is left is seasonal work

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**REGION INTERRELATED AND INTEGRATED TO  
SUPPORT BOROUGH GOVERNMENT**

In addition to non-natives, there are three major Native communities located on Native lands, that are different tribes. Each of the 4 fractions are segregated socially, culturally and economically from each other. Natives have and want their own schools and social events.

Native corporations hire natives only if possible

Natives have SEPARATE medical care system

Natives have separate fishing and hunting grounds. Non natives are not allowed on their lands

Major employer - SEARHC - hires native only preference

At least 10% of island is Native only lands

There is one hatchery and one salmon release site. NOT hatcheries in all communities as you state

Several communities are not on any road system

There is no POW based flight service. Charter flights come from Ketchikan.